Massachusetts Federation of Labor

11 Beacon Street, Boston 8, Massachusetts
Room 801 CApitol 7-8260
From the Office of the Secretary-Treasurer-Legislative Agent

February 10, 1955.

JOHN A. CALLAHAN
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Salvatore Camelio, Sec.-Treas.
Mass. State CIO Council
18 Tremont Street
Boston 8, Massachusetts

FEB 13 REC'D

Dear Sir and Brother:

I am happy to advise that the Executive Council of the Massachusetts Federation of Labor, at its meeting February 1st, voted to activate the strike assistance committee, appointed last Fall.

Representing the Massachusetts Federation of Labor on this committee will be President John A. Callahan, Vice Presidents Helen T. O'Donnell, Neil MacKenzie, James P. Loughlin and Secretary-Treasurer Kenneth J. Kelley. Our committee is prepared to meet with the previously appointed committee from your organization, at some mutually convenient time and place.

I shall await further word from you as to your committee's preference on the date of an exploratory meeting. With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely and fraternally,

Kenneth J. Kelley

Kenneth J. Kelley
Secretary-Treasurer
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Massachusetts Federation of Labor

October 17, 1955

Kenneth J. Kelley, Secretary-Treasurer, Legislative Agent
Massachusetts Federation of Labor
11 Beacon Street
Boston 8, Massachusetts

Dear Sir and Brother:

Your letter of August 1, 1955 relative to establishing a strike assistance committee of five members from each of our respective organizations, was considered by our Executive Board, at their regular meeting, September 9, 1955.

I am pleased to report that our Executive Board felt such a committee could be of invaluable service during a strike, and voted that our Executive Officers, the President, Secretary-Treasurer and three Vice Presidents, constitute the membership of our Committee.

I note you will advise us of the personnel of your Committee, after which a meeting can be arranged.

With best wishes, I am,

Fraternally,

Salvatore Camelio
Secretary-Treasurer

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October 17, 1955

Leonard J. Kelly, Secretary-Treasurer, Legislative Agent
Massachusetts Federation of Labor
11 Beacon Street
Boston 8, Massachusetts

Dear Sir and Brother:

Your letter of August 1, 1955 relative to establishing a strike assistance committee of five members from each of our respective organizations, was read during the Executive Board meeting, at their regular meeting, September 7, 1955.

I am pleased to report that our Executive Board felt such a committee could be of invaluable service during a strike, and voted that our Executive Officers, the President, Secretary-Treasurer and three Vice Presidents, constitute the membership of our Committee.

I note you will advise us of the personnel of your Committee, after which a meeting can be arranged.

With best wishes, I am,

Fraternally,

National Council
Secretary-Treasurer

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August 1, 1955

HENRY J. BRIDES
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Mr. J. William Belanger, President
Mass. State CIO Industrial Council
18 Tremont Street
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Sir and Brother:

Sometime ago the Executive Council of the Massachusetts Federation of Labor, upon the suggestion of Ralph Roberts, Organizer for the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union, voted to establish a permanent 5-man strike assistance committee. It was intended that this committee would comprise the President, Secretary-Treasurer, and 3 vice presidents and would function with a similar committee set up by the Massachusetts State CIO Industrial Council.

I think you can appreciate that it would be difficult to define in advance the precise functions of such a committee. However, I believe that once the committees are appointed by our respective organizations that they can meet periodically and develope a policy and procedure in strike situations. Shortly after our forthcoming convention appointments will be made to this and our various other standing committees. We will advise you promptly of the makeup of our committee and they can then arrange to meet with a similar committee from your organization.

It is our hope that such a committee can be of great assistance to our respective local unions involved in labor disputes, which today seem to be of longer duration and greater hardship on the workers involved.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely and fraternally yours,

Kenneth J. Kelley

Kenneth J. Kelley
Secretary-Treasurer-Legislative Agent.

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M E M O

November 2, 1955

FROM: Albert G. Clifton

TO: J. William Belanger

A letter from the State AFL, Ken Kelley, relative to our organizations setting up a Strike Committee of five, received.

The AFL Committee is composed of the following:

John A. Callahan, President
Kenneth J. Kelley, Secretary-Treasurer
Helen T. O'Donnell, Vice President
Neil MacKenzie, " "
James P. Loughlin, " "

Kelley indicates that the AFL feels it would be advisable for the two Committees to meet to explore in what manner they can best function in any future strike situations.

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FROM: Albert G. Clifton

TO: Salvatore Camelio

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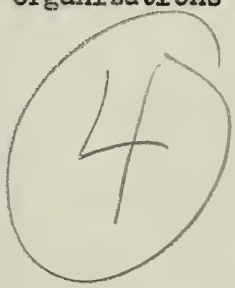

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October 31, 1955.

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JOHN A. CALLAHAN
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Salvatore Camelio, Sec.-Treas.
Mass. State CIO Council
18 Tremont Street
Boston 8, Massachusetts

Dear Sir and Brother:

Please pardon the delay in replying to your letter of October 17th about the strike assistance committee.

At our October meeting the following were appointed to represent the Massachusetts Federation of Labor, in this connection: President John A. Callahan, Secretary-Treasurer Kenneth J. Kelley, Vice Presidents Helen T. O'Donnell, Neil MacKenzie, James P. Loughlin.

This committee stands ready to meet with your committee, which I understand will consist of Mr. J. William Belanger, President; Salvatore Camelio, Sec.-Treas.; Vice Presidents Guy Campobasso, Daniel Murray and Gerald F. Doyle, at some mutually convenient time.

It occurs to me that our respective committees should meet to explore the manner in which they can serve most effectively in future strike situations. In other words, I feel that rather than wait until some strike situation suddenly arises before going into action, the committee should have decided in advance the best procedure to follow.

I shall await further word from you as to your thinking on the subject. With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely and fraternally yours,

Ken Kelley

Kenneth J. Kelley
Secretary-Treasurer-Legislative Agent.

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MEMO December 20, 1955

TO: J. William Belanger

FROM: Albert Clifton

I called Ken Kelley of the AFL today relative to what arrangements he had been able to make for a meeting of their committee with ours on the question of a mutual program aimed at assisting organizations on strike. He advised me that he had been unable to arrange any date at their meeting held on Saturday, December 17th, that their next meeting would be on December 28th and it would be impossible in any event to get his group together until after the holidays.

Massachusetts State CIO
Industrial Union Council

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February 16, 1956

Kenneth J. Kelley, Secretary-Treasurer &
Legislative Agent
Massachusetts Federation of Labor
11 Beacon Street
Boston 8, Massachusetts

Dear Sir and Brother:

We were very pleased to receive your letter of February 10, 1956 advising us that your Organization met on February 1, 1956 and voted to activate the Strike Assistance Committee appointed last fall.

Representing the Massachusetts State CIO Industrial Union Council on this Committee will be President J. William Belanger, Secretary-Treasurer Salvatore Camelio and Vice Presidents Guy Campobasso, Daniel Murray and Gerald F. Doyle. Our Legislative Agent Albert G. Clifton will contact you regarding a convenient time and place for a meeting.

While we are on the subject of Committees, we should like to inform you that at our Board Meeting on Friday, February 10th, it was voted that we should meet with your organization in regard to several matters which we believe are of great importance to both our organizations and members. They are as follows:-

(1) As instructed by our parent organization, we are ready to proceed as soon as possible to discuss the merger of our organizations on a state level;

(2) As instructed by our National Committee on Political Education (COPE), that in the absence of merger on a state level - and this being an election year - that both our organizations should set up a COPE organization within the State to immediately embark on a political education and action program; and

(3) As instructed by our National United Community Services that both

our organizations should get together in order that we may extend our community services work into the Civil Defense program of the government.

We know that all of you will realize that the above-listed program is a broad one and entails considerable work, to say the least. For this reason could we, in addition, to meeting regarding strike assistance expect to get together as soon as possible to discuss any and all the issues raised in this communication.

Awaiting an early reply, we remain

Fraternally yours,

J. William Belanger

J. William Belanger,
President

Salvatore Camelio

Salvatore Camelio,
Secretary-Treasurer

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cc: G. Meany
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Massachusetts Federation of Labor

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From the Office of the Secretary-Treasurer-Legislative Agent

February 23, 1956.

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JOHN A. CALLAHAN
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J. William Belanger, President
Mass. State CIO Industrial Union Council
18 Tremont Street, Room 328
Boston 8, Massachusetts

Dear Sir and Brother:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of February 16th, informing us of the membership of the Strike Assistance Committee that will represent the Massachusetts State CIO Industrial Union Council. Please be advised that the Strike Assistance Committee of the Massachusetts Federation of Labor is prepared to meet with your committee at any time that is convenient for you.

The other matters mentioned in your communication will be referred to the Executive Council of the Massachusetts Federation of Labor at its next meeting. May I point out that the membership and scope of our Strike Assistance Committee differs substantially from the membership and scope of our other committees such as Committee on Political Education, Committee on Community Services, etc.. In other words, our Strike Assistance Committee has no authority to delve into such matters as political education, community services, merger, etc..

We shall advise you promptly of the action taken by our Executive Council on these latter issues mentioned in your letter. In the meantime, we will await word from you as to the time and place of the meeting of our respective Strike Assistance Committees.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Fraternally yours,

Kenneth J. Kelley

Kenneth J. Kelley
Secretary-Treasurer
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cc: John Callahan, Pres.

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February 24, 1956

Mr. J. William Belanger, President
Massachusetts State CIO Industrial Union Council
18 Tremont Street, Room 328
Boston 8, Massachusetts

Dear Bill:

Thank you for sending me a copy of your letter of February 16 addressed to Mr. Kelley.

I should like to join you in urging the promotion of an AFL-CIO Community Services Committee program, with full-time staff if possible, in Massachusetts.

If we can be of assistance in this direction, please call on us.

With kindest personal regards.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Leo Perlis
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Massachusetts Federation of Labor

11 Beacon Street, Boston 8, Massachusetts
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From the Office of the Secretary-Treasurer-Legislative Agent

April 13, 1956

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Kenneth J. Kelley, Sec.-Treas.-Leg. Agent
Mass. Federation of Labor
11 Beacon Street, Room 801
Boston 8, Massachusetts

Dear Sir and Brother:

Our Executive Board acted on your letter of April 10, 1956, relative to a meeting of our respective committees to discuss merger.

Our Committee is composed of:

President J. William Belanger
Secretary-Treasurer Salvatore Camelio
Vice President Guy Campobasso
Vice President Daniel Murray
Vice President William Lieberman
Board Member Angelo Georgian
Board Member John Cort

Copies of our Constitution will be forwarded to you as soon as recent amendments are received from the printer.

We suggest the date of Friday, May 4, 1956, for our first meeting and are in accord with your suggestion that it be held in the Parker House.

With best wishes,

Fraternally,

J. William Belanger
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Salvatore Camelio
Secretary-Treasurer

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J. William Belanger, President
Mass. State CIO Industrial Union Council
18 Tremont Street, Room 328
Boston 8, Massachusetts

Attention: Salvatore Camelio, Sec.-Treas.

Dear Sir and Brother:

I am happy to advise that the Executive Council of the Massachusetts Federation of Labor, on April 4th, 1956, unanimously authorized our Merger Committee to request a conference with the committee from the Massachusetts State CIO Industrial Union Council to discuss the details merging our respective organizations.

President John A. Callahan has appointed the following committee to represent this Federation:

President John A. Callahan
Vice Presidents, Oscar R. Pratt;
Daniel J. Lawler; Jeremiah Calnan;
William H. Moran and Helen T. O'Donnell
Sec.-Treas.-Leg. Agent Kenneth J. Kelley

This committee is prepared to meet with your committee at some mutually convenient time and place. I might suggest the Parker House as an easily, accessible location for the meeting.

It would be helpful if you could send me 7 copies of your constitution for the study and information of our committee. In this connection, I am enclosing copies of our constitution in addition to those that we gave you at the recent meeting of our Strike Coordinating Committee.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely and fraternally,

Kenneth J. Kelley

Kenneth J. Kelley
Secretary-Treasurer-Legislative Agent.

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Mr. J. William Belanger, President
Mass. State CIO Industrial Union Council
18 Tremont Street, Room 328
Boston 8, Massachusetts

Dear Sir and Brother:

Please be advised that the Merger Committee of this Federation will be happy to meet with the Merger Committee from your organization on Friday, May 4th, 1956, at the Parker House, Boston.

If convenient for the members of your committee, I would suggest 2:00 p.m., on that date, as a suitable time for the meeting.

Looking forward to seeing you at that time and with kindest personal regards.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Kenneth J. Kelley

Kenneth J. Kelley
Secretary-Treasurer
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MASSACHUSETTS STATE FEDERATION OF LABOR

11 BEACON STREET, ROOM 801

BOSTON 8, MASSACHUSETTS

April 30, 1956

Kenneth J. Kelley, Secretary-Treasurer
Massachusetts Federation of Labor
11 Beacon Street
Boston 8, Massachusetts

Dear Sir and Brother:

I note in your letter of April 27th that you suggest that our respective Committees meet on the merger question at 2:00 P.M., on Friday, May 4th, 1956 at the Parker House, Boston. The time and place is agreeable to us, and I have so notified our Committee and will see you next Friday.

I have engaged a room for this meeting at the Parker House.

With best wishes,

Fraternally,

J. William Belanger
President

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April 30, 1956

Kenneth J. Kelley, Secretary-Treasurer
Massachusetts Federation of Labor
11 Beacon Street
Boston 8, Massachusetts

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Fraternally,

J. William Belanger
President

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11 BEACON STREET, ROOM 801
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April 27, 1956

Mr. J. William Belanger, President
Mass. State CIO Industrial Union Council
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Looking forward to seeing you at that time and with kindest personal regards.

Sincerely and fraternally,

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cc: Salvatore Camelio
Albert Clifton
John Callahan

MASSACHUSETTS STATE FEDERATION OF LABOR

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BOSTON 8, MASSACHUSETTS

April 27, 1956

Mr. J. William Belanger, President
Mass. State CIO Industrial Union Council
16 Tremont Street, Room 328
Boston 8, Massachusetts

Dear Sir and Brother:

Please be advised that the Merger Committee of this Federation will be happy to meet with the Merger Committee from your organization on Friday, May 4th, 1956, at the Parker House, Boston.

If convenient for the members of your committee, we would suggest 3:00 p.m., as that date, as a suitable time for the meeting.

Looking forward to seeing you at that time and with kindest personal regards.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Kenneth J. Kelly
Secretary-Treasurer
Legislative Agent.

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cc: Salvatore Cimmino
Albert Giaffoe
John Callahan

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M E M O

TO: J. William Belanger, President Mass. State CIO

FROM: Robert L. Walkinshaw, Sub-Regional Director, UAW

RE: Merger Meetings at Miami Beach, Florida

Our initial meeting was held on Sunday, January 27, 1957 at the Hotel Seville. This meeting was called by Paul Krebs, President of the New Jersey State CIO Council. The following State Councils were represented at this meeting: New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Connecticut and Massachusetts.

Krebs informed us that we should organize some strategy for our meeting with the previous top leadership of the old CIO so that the situation could be explained in a sane and intelligent manner. Thus the following strategy was agreed to unanimously:

1. Each state represented would present its particular problem to the CIO group.

2. Krebs would stress to the CIO leadership that a meeting with George Meany was imperative so that he could hear first hand the problems that existed in the respective states insofar as it concerned the lack of merger in same.

After much confusion and several subsequent meetings with the representatives of the Councils, we finally met

WITH THE OLD CIO LEADERSHIP ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 29TH, AT WHICH TIME UAW PRESIDENT, WALTER P. REUTHER, CHAIRED THE MEETING. IN ADDITION TO THE COUNCILS MENTIONED ABOVE, THE FOLLOWING COUNCILS WERE ALSO REPRESENTED AT THIS MEETING: CALIFORNIA, MICHIGAN AND ILLINOIS.

PRESIDENT REUTHER EXPLAINED TO THE GROUP THAT HE HAD BEEN VERY MUCH CONCERNED ABOUT THE LACK OF MERGER IN THE MAJORITY OF THE STATES AND SUCH CONCERN PROMPTED HIM TO WRITE A LETTER TO AFL-CIO PRESIDENT MEANY IN WHICH HE REQUESTED DETAILED INFORMATION WITH REGARD TO THE STATES THAT HAD NOT MERGED, THE PERCENTAGES OF MEMBERS IN THE RESPECTIVE ORGANIZATIONS BY STATE AND FURTHER THAT THIS MATTER SHOULD BE ON THE AGENDA FOR A THOROUGH DISCUSSION BY THE AFL-CIO EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AT ITS MEETING IN MIAMI. HE ALSO POINTED OUT THAT HE HAD SEVERAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM SOME OF THE CIO PEOPLE FROM MANY OF THE STATES AND HE HAD BEEN CONTACTED PERSONALLY BY BOTH LOUIS HOLLENDER, PRESIDENT, NEW YORK STATE CIO AND PAUL KREBS, PRESIDENT, NEW JERSEY STATE CIO.

REUTHER PUT SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON THE NEED FOR "GROUND RULES" WITH SUCH "GROUND RULES" TO EMANATE FROM THE PARENT BODY. IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING PRESIDENT REUTHER'S OPENING REMARKS, THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE COUNCILS THEN TOOK OVER AND PRESENTED THEIR CASES TO THE CIO LEADERSHIP.

As a result of this discussion, it was concluded that:

1. There would be a meeting with President George Meany on Wednesday afternoon at 3 p.m., January 30th.

2. Only selected states would present their problems and the individuals be limited to five (5) minutes each.

3. Immediately following the State Councils presentations', the CIO leadership would request that State Council representatives leave the meeting and the CIO leadership would meet privately with President Meany to discuss the establishment of "ground rules" to govern the states not now merged, one of which would be the setting up of a four-man committee, taken from the Executive Council, two from the AFL group and two from the CIO group. This Committee would be empowered to investigate states that are not merged on or before the date to be agreed upon and they would then make direct recommendations to the Executive Council and the Executive Council would then make recommendations to the respective states. They would also suggest that no conventions, either by the AFL or CIO, in the states would be held after August 31, 1957; and further, that this matter be put on the agenda for discussion by the Executive Council.

On Wednesday, January 30th, at 3 p.m., a meeting was held at which time President Meany acted as chairman. Meany listened attentively to the different Council representatives. Out of this came two significant statements, both of which are attributable to President Meany:

1. The question of state mergers is placed on the agenda of the Executive Council and Meany personally is going to exert pressure to see that the states are merged on or before the December 5th date.

2. There is no such thing as a national pattern of officers.

In summing up this trip, I would honestly conclude that the trip was worth-while, and I am perfectly convinced that its productive capacity will be shown in the coming months ahead, once the Executive Council takes the positive action which is needed so badly to provoke certain people into sitting down and honestly attempting to resolve the differences that exist between the organizations which are holding back mergers.

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Massachusetts Federation of Labor

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February 20, 1957

John A. Callahan, President
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Massachusetts Federation of Labor
11 Beacon Street
Boston 8, Massachusetts

Dear Sirs and Brothers:

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Looking forward to merger at the earliest possible date, we are

Fraternally yours,

J. William Belanger
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Dear Sir and Brothers:

Yours of the 13th received and pleased to note that Harbor Coast Lines are going to return deliberations. We have notified our Coast Line to be present on the date you suggested Monday, February 25th at 1:30 P.M., Parker House, Boston.

Looking forward to meeting at the earliest possible date, we are

Fraternally Yours,

W. William Belanger
President

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Secretary-Treasurer

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11 Beacon Street, Boston 8, Massachusetts
Room 801 CApitol 7-8260
From the Office of the Secretary-Treasurer-Legislative Agent

February 13, 1957

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J. William Belanger, President
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Mass. State CIO Industrial Union Council
18 Tremont Street
Boston 8, Massachusetts

Dear Sir and Brother:

The Executive Council of the Massachusetts Federation of Labor, at its meeting February 13th, 1957, voted to request that the 7-Man Merger Committee of our respective organizations resume merger negotiations as soon as possible.

For your consideration we would suggest Monday, February 25th at 1:30 p.m., at the Parker House, Boston as a suitable time and place.

May we hear from you at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely and fraternally,

John A. Callahan
President

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February 20, 1957

Dear Brother

You have received a letter from us, under the date of February 15th, notifying you that our Merger Committee is to meet with the AFL's Merger Committee on Monday, February 25th at 1:30 P.M., Parker House, Boston.

A luncheon has been arranged for our Committee prior to this meeting at 12 Noon, Room 150 at the Parker House, and it is urgent that you attend and be on time at this luncheon, as there are many important matters to be discussed prior to our 1:30 meeting with the AFL.

Fraternally,

J. William Belanger
President

Salvatore Camelio
Secretary-Treasurer

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April 3, 1957

Guy Campobasso, Bus. Agent
ACWA AFL CIO Boston Jt. Bd.
85 Essex Street
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Brother Campobasso:

Following is copy of telegram received from Kenneth J. Kelley, Secretary-Treasurer of the AFL, which is self-explanatory:-

"President J. William Belanger

"Regret that circumstances will prevent our Merger Committee from meeting Friday. Suggest you set date for meeting two weeks hence.

Kenneth J. Kelley, Sec. Treas.
Leg. Agent"

As they suggest a meeting in two weeks which would be Friday, April 19th, we will keep that date open on a tentative basis at this time and you will be notified definitely as to time and place at a later date.

Fraternally yours,

J. William Belanger
President

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Note: The following letter to be sent special delivery to the seven members of the Merger Committee. Also, telephone calls should be made immediately to all except Lieberman notifying them of the change.

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ent to:

S. Camelio
G. Campobasso
D. Murray
W. Lieberman
J. Cort
A. Georgian

April 23, 1957

This is to call your attention that, as you were previously notified, we will meet with the AFL Merger Committee, on Thursday, April 25th, at 10:30 A. M. at the Parker House, Boston, Mass.

As indicated in my letter notifying you of this meeting, I suggested it would be advisable for our Committee to get together before meeting with the AFL Committee for a preliminary meeting at my office, at 44 School Street, Room 304, Boston, at 9:00 A.M.

With best wishes,

Fraternally yours,

J. William Belanger

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July 8, 1957

sent to:

J. W. Belanger
S. Camelio
G. Campobasso
D. Murray
W. Lieberman
J. Cort
A. Georgian

Dear Brother

Please be advised a meeting is scheduled for Friday, July 12, 1957, at 10:30 a.m., Parker House, Boston, with the AFL Merger Committee.

Prior to the 10:30 a.m. meeting our Committee will meet at the Textile Workers Union of America office at 44 School St., at 9:00 a.m. It is very important that you attend both meetings.

Will you please indicate on the enclosed if you will attend.

Fraternally,

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July 15, 1957

Dear Brother

Please be advised a meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 18, 1957, at 10:30 a.m., Parker House, Boston, with the AFL Merger Committee.

Prior to the 10:30 a.m. meeting our Committee will meet at the Rubber Workers' office at 73 Tremont St., Rm. 520, at 9:30 a.m. It is very important that you attend both meetings.

Will you please indicate on the enclosed card if you will attend.

Fraternally,

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August 14, 1957

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CIO REPORT ON STATUS OF MERGER DISCUSSIONS
IN MASSACHUSETTS

Background

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On July 20, 1956, the merger committee met for the purpose of setting up a Massachusetts Committee on Political Education in accordance with the directive issued by the national AFL-CIO COPE.

There were no further merger talks until February of 1957, the entire personnel of our organizations having devoted their time and energy in the interim to work in the election campaign. Other meetings were held in March, April, May and July, 1957, and some minor differences have been tentatively ironed out.

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However, there are several areas of disagreement which have made it difficult to achieve compromise.

Some of the Unresolved Issues

CIO proposes that officers be empowered to administer the affairs of the organization in accordance with the mandates of the full State Board between regular meetings. We feel that this would provide the best assurance that there shall be efficient and democratic rule within the organization.

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sent to:
7-man merger committee

September 9, 1957

Dear Brother

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Will you please indicate on the enclosed card if you will attend.

Fraternally,

J. William Belanger

J. William Belanger
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September 9, 1957

Kenneth Kelley, Secretary-Treasurer
Legislative Agent
Mass. State Federation of Labor
11 Beacon Street
Boston 8, Massachusetts

Dear Brother Kelley:

Confirming our conversation of date, the next meeting of our joint merger committee will take place at the Parker House, on Monday, September 23, 1957, at 10:30 A.M., and you will make the necessary arrangements for a room with the hotel.

Fraternally,

Albert G. Clifton
Legislative Agent

AGC:m

September 9, 1957

Kenneth Reiley, Secretary-Treasurer
Legislative Agent
Penn. State Federation of Labor
21 Beacon Street
Boston 8, Massachusetts

Dear Brother Reiley:

Confirming our conversation of date, the next meeting of our joint merger committee will take place at the Penn Harris, on Monday, September 23, 1957, at 10:30 A.M., and you will make the necessary arrangements for a press with the hotel.

Fraternally,

Albert G. Clifton
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September 26, 1957

Dear Brother

At the last meeting of the merger committee it was agreed by both sides that the committees would meet on the following dates which are on consecutive Fridays, at 10:30 A.M., Parker House, Boston Friday, September 27, October 4, October 11, October 18, October 25, November 1, (This date is questionable because of the I.U.D. Convention at that time.), November 8 and November 15.

There will be a meeting of the merger committee previous to the meeting on Friday, September 27, 1957, at 9:00 A.M. at the Textile Workers office, 44 School Street, 3rd floor.

It is imperative that all members of the merger committee attend every meeting of the committee. We urge that your schedule be arranged so that you can make these meetings.

Fraternally,

J. William Belanger
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October 14, 1957

TO ALL AFFILIATED LOCAL UNIONS:

Dear Sir and Brother:

Since the merger at the national level on December 5, 1955, the Massachusetts State CIO Council has repeatedly expressed its readiness to merge with the Massachusetts Federation of Labor. This readiness on our part has been proclaimed in many ways -- at conventions, in the daily newspapers on many different occasions, and from public platforms at union meetings and even at gatherings sponsored by other organizations.

When, in the fall of 1955, it became apparent that the AFL and the CIO would merge at the national level, the Massachusetts State CIO Council postponed its scheduled annual convention in anticipation that merger at the state level in Massachusetts could be accomplished early.

Shortly thereafter, a letter was sent to the AFL asking that the two groups get together for the purpose of discussing merger before holding further conventions. The AFL, however, did not agree to meet until after our convention of April, 1956.

Our first meeting with the AFL, on May 4, 1956, was the start of prolonged merger negotiations.

Other meetings in 1956 were held three times in June and once in July.

In the first six months of 1957, we held merger meetings in February, March, April, May and July.

Our most recent meetings were held September 23rd and 27th and on October 4th and 11th.

During all these months we have tried to bring about an acceptable agreement for merger of the two organizations.

At the first meetings of the merger committee, it was agreed that no statements would be given to the newspapers unless such statements were issued jointly. It was further agreed that no merger convention would be held until a merger agreement acceptable to both sides had been negotiated. The CIO has lived up to these agreements.

The National AFL-CIO had requested a report on progress of merger by August 15, 1957. We have complied with this request. (A copy of our report is enclosed.)

As you know, it is expected by the National AFL-CIO that merger should take place by December 5, 1957. In the meantime, your CIO committee has agreed to and is meeting every week with the AFL in an effort to meet the December 5th date.

We must reiterate that in order to hold a merger convention by December 5th, there must be a merger agreement acceptable to both sides. If such an agreement cannot be arrived at, the entire matter will be turned over to the National AFL-CIO for their determination.

At this time, however -- and for the CIO to continue to show its good faith in these merger negotiations -- we are calling upon your organization to make preparations now for the election of delegates to a Special CIO and Merger Convention.

We have not, as of this date, completed merger negotiations -- and we have not agreed upon a date for the convention. You will be officially notified of the dates of the convention at a later date.

We are sending you the enclosed credentials so that you can elect your delegates now in anticipation of these conventions. We are asking you to elect delegates now because the pressure of time and last minute negotiations will not enable us to give you the usual advance notice for announcement of the conventions. This will give you time to make full and adequate preparations for your election procedures.

Pending merger agreement, there might be a variance in delegate strength of our organization between our last convention and this one, but we feel this will be a minor adjustment.

We urge you to elect your delegates now. We urge also that you not only elect your full complement of delegates, but that you make arrangements to have them all attend the conventions. It is at these conventions that the future of labor in Massachusetts will be decided -- therefore, it is imperative that every local be in full attendance.

Fraternally,

J. William Belanger

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President

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Salvatore Camelio
Secretary-Treasurer

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October 25, 1957

George Meany, President
AFL-CIO
815 16th Street, N.W.
Washington 6, D. C.

MERGER NEGOTIATIONS IN MASSACHUSETTS HAVE REACHED AN IMPASSE. WE RESPECTFULLY REQUEST YOUR OFFICE TO ASSIGN REPRESENTATIVES TO ASSIST US IN BRINGING ABOUT A SATISFACTORY MERGER HERE.

FRATERNALLY,

J. WILLIAM BELANGER, PRESIDENT

SALVATORE CAMELIO, SECRETARY-TREASURER

MASS. STATE CIO COUNCIL

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Telegram to President Meany

Merger negotiations in Massachusetts have reached an impasse. We respectfully request your office to assign representatives to assist us in bringing about a satisfactory merger here.

Fraternally,

J. William Belanger
President

Salvatore Camelio
Secretary-Treasurer

Massachusetts State CIO Industrial Union Council
18 Tremont Street, Boston, Mass.

October 25, 1957

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

The Massachusetts State CIO and the Massachusetts State AFL have reached an impasse in their merger negotiations. President J. William Belanger and President John Callahan of the respective organizations have been instructed by their committees to request President George Meany of the National AFL-CIO to assign representatives from the National organization to come into Massachusetts and assist in effectuating merger.

October 31, 1957

R. J. Thomas, Asst. to the President
American Federation of Labor and
Congress of Industrial Organizations
815 Sixteenth Street, N.W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Brother Thomas:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated October 29th and, as you requested, enclosed is copy of telegram sent to President George Meany on October 25th.

Fraternally yours,

J. William Belanger
President

JWB:M
Enc.

October 25, 1937

R. J. Thomas, Secy. to the President
American Federation of Labor
Congress of Industrial Organizations
815 Eighteenth Street, N.W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Brother Thomas:

This is my acknowledgment of your letter dated October 23rd and, as you requested, enclosed is copy of telegram sent to President Roosevelt on October 25th.

Fraternally yours,

Encl.
Bro.

J. William Hutcheson
President

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October 29, 1957

Mr. J. William Belanger, President
Massachusetts State Industrial Union Council
18 Tremont Street
Boston 8, Massachusetts

OCT 30 1957

Dear Brother Belanger:

Director Hugh Thompson has brought to my attention the fact that no answer was made to your report of August 14 on the status of your merger discussions with the Massachusetts State Federation of Labor. I sincerely regret this oversight but at that time we were deluged with reports from practically every State and Central Body that had not merged and we were unable to acknowledge all of them.

I am also advised by Director Thompson that the Massachusetts State Industrial Union Council sent a telegram to President Meany requesting that Peter McGavin and myself be assigned to meet with the Merger Committees in an effort to expedite merger in the State of Massachusetts. For your information, we cannot locate your telegram and would appreciate receiving a copy of same.

As of this date, both McGavin and I have extremely heavy schedules but every effort will be made to set up a meeting in the very near future.

With kind personal regards and best wishes, I am

Sincerely and fraternally,

R. J. Thomas
Assistant to the President

RJT:p

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R J THOMAS ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT AFL CIO=

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=J WM BELANGER, PRESIDENT=

MASSACHUSETTS STATE IUC 18 TREMONT ST BSN=

=PER YOUR REQUEST OF OCTOBER 25, EUGENE MOATS AND I WILL BE IN BOSTON FOR MEETING AT PARKER HOUSE, TEN AM, NOVEMBER FIFTH. PLEASE HAVE YOUR COMMITTEE IN ATTENDANCE=

R J THOMAS ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT AFL-CIO=

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KENNETH J. KELLEY
Secretary-Treasurer-Legislative Agent

January 3, 1958

TO ALL FINANCIAL SECRETARY-TREASURERS

Dear Sir and Brother:

Enclosed, herewith, is your local's bill for per capita tax for January, February and March, 1958. In a communication that accompanied our bills for the last quarter of 1957, we stated that the Massachusetts Federation of Labor "expected to be merged with the Massachusetts State CIO by December 5th, 1957". Through no fault of ours, merger in this state has not as yet taken place. Merger negotiations are scheduled to be resumed shortly and are expected to be completed in the next few months.

It is no secret that one of the reasons the State CIO was not anxious to merge before the December 5th AFL-CIO Convention at Atlantic City was because they anticipated that a number of unions would be expelled by that convention, thereby reducing the numerical strength of this and other State Federations. Last week, as a result of directives from the National AFL-CIO, the Executive Council of the Massachusetts Federation of Labor was required to disaffiliate 19 locals of the Teamsters, 10 locals of the Bakery Workers and 5 locals of the Laundry Workers; a total loss of almost 22,000 per capita-paying members.

Naturally, this loss in membership proportionately reduces the "bargaining" position of the State Federation in merger negotiations with the State CIO. Since representation and the makeup of the merged state labor organization will be determined largely by the actual per capita tax-paying membership of both groups, it is imperative that all affiliates of the Massachusetts Federation of Labor pay per capita tax on their full membership.

Although this delicate and yet troublesome subject of "short-changing"the Federation in per capita payments has been mentioned frequently, it now becomes more urgent and important due to the large reduction in membership that we have just suffered. Your local's complete cooperation in promptly coming to the aid of the Federation will mean much to your membership as well as to the present officers of the Federation and to the makeup of the new merged state labor organization that will be established shortly. If your local has been paying on its full membership, naturally this request does not apply to you.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Ken Kelley

Kenneth J. Kelley
Secretary-Treasurer
Legislative Agent.

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